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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

RASHEED PHILLIPS

CIVIL ACTION NO.

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v.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

and

POLICE OFFICER JEFFREY WALKER

(Badge No. 3730)

Individually and as a Police Officer

for the City of Philadelphia

and

POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL

E. SPICER

(Badge No. 7169)

Individually and as a Police Officer

for the City of Philadelphia

and

LIEUTENANT ROBERT OTTO

Individually and as a Police Lieutenant

for the City of Philadelphia

COMPLAINT

**JURISDICTION** 

1. This is an action brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1983. Jurisdiction is based upon 28 U.S.C. §§1331 and 1343, the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, and under the common law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, against the City of Philadelphia

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and against the City of Philadelphia Police Officers in their individual capacities. Plaintiff invokes the pendent jurisdiction of this Court provided by 28 U.S.C. §1367 to hear and decide claims under State law.

#### **PARTIES**

- 2. Plaintiff is Rasheed Phillips, an adult male, who is and was at all material times a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 3. Defendant, City of Philadelphia, at all times pertinent hereto, is a municipality of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and owns, operates, manages, directs and controls the Philadelphia Police Department, which employs the defendant Police Officers.
- 4. Defendant, Police Officer Jeffrey Walker (Badge No. 3730), was at all times relevant to this action an Officer of the City of Philadelphia Police Department. Defendant was either a member of the Narcotics Strike Force or a unit purportedly dealing with the investigation of illegal narcotics. He is being sued in his individual capacity and as a Police Officer for the City of Philadelphia.
- 5. Defendant, Police Officer Michael E. Spicer (Badge No. 7169), was at all times relevant to this action an Officer of the City of Philadelphia Police Department. Defendant was either a member of the Narcotics Strike Force or a unit purportedly dealing with the investigation of illegal narcotics. He is being sued in his individual capacity and as a Police Officer for the City of Philadelphia.
- 6. Defendant, Lieutenant Robert Otto, was at all times relevant to this action a participant in the illegal actions; was the supervising Officer of the Narcotics Strike Force, in which co-

defendants Walker and Spicer were members; and was responsible for their supervision, training and monitoring. He is being sued in his individual capacity and as a Police Officer for the City of Philadelphia.

# **FACTS**

- 7. On or about January 16, 2007, at approximately 6:00 p.m., plaintiff and a neighbor, Hondo Jackson, were returning from a store and in the process of parking plaintiff's 1989 Crown Victoria vehicle in the alleyway behind a house plaintiff shared with his mother at 704 Rockland Street, Philadelphia, Pa., when defendants Walker and Spicer, driving an unmarked SUV with tinted windows and headlights out, prevented plaintiff's further entry into the alleyway driveway.
- 8. Almost immediately upon stopping, the defendant Officers, Walker and Spicer, both in street clothes with guns drawn, jumped out of the SUV, not identifying themselves as Police Officers, and demanded that plaintiff and his passenger, Jackson, tell the defendant Officers about the drugs and money, demanding to know where they both were.
- 9. Upon hearing the demands, plaintiff informed both defendant Officers, Walker and Spicer, that he did not know what they were talking about since plaintiff had no money or drugs.
- 10. As plaintiff and his passenger stood in the alley, the defendant Officers, Walker and Spicer, with guns drawn, approached them, still demanding drugs and money and proceeded to search plaintiff and plaintiff's car, but discovered neither money nor drugs.
- 11. Despite finding neither money nor drugs, the defendant Officers called for reinforcements, resulting in other Officers appearing at the scene, whereupon plaintiff and his

passenger were arrested for alleged manufacture/delivery/possession with intent to manufacture or deliver, conspiracy and intentionally possessing a controlled substance by a person not regulated, 2 felonies and a misdemeanor, 35 § 780-113 §§ A30, 18 § 903 §§ A1, and 35 § 780 §§ A16 (MC-51-CR-0002913-2007 and held for Common Pleas Court at CP-51-CR-0013828-2007).

- 12. That after his arrest, plaintiff was taken to the 35<sup>th</sup> Police District in the SUV driven by defendant Spicer, while defendant Walker drove plaintiff's Crown Victoria, obtaining neither a search warrant for the vehicle nor providing a property receipt for the car.
- 13. That at the 35<sup>th</sup> Police District plaintiff was met by defendant Otto, who, like the codefendant Officers, demanded to know where the drugs and money were, since defendant Otto was aware that neither had been found on plaintiff nor in his vehicle.
- 14. That plaintiff responded to defendant Otto's demands for drug information as he had previously responded to defendants Walker and Spicer that he (plaintiff) did not know what they were talking about, denying a knowledge of drugs.
- 15. That defendant Otto was aware that no drugs were found in this incident as well as the fact that the defendant Officers had no probable cause for the unconstitutional stop and search of plaintiff and plaintiff's car.
- 16. At the 35<sup>th</sup> Police District, when plaintiff inquired what he was being held for, the three defendants informed him he was being arrested for crack cocaine, even though neither crack cocaine nor any other drugs were found in the illegal search.
- 17. After two days locked in a cell at the 35<sup>th</sup> District, plaintiff was released on bail in the amount of \$7,500.00, 10% posted on his behalf by a cousin.

- 18. Initially, plaintiff was represented by a court appointed attorney, but after the preliminary hearing, plaintiff's mother hired an attorney, Amato T. Sanita, to represent plaintiff.
- 19. After plaintiff's passenger, Hondo Jackson, was found guilty on the perjured testimony of defendant Officers and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment, plaintiff's attorney advised plaintiff to plead guilty to the charges in return for a plea agreement of 6 months house arrest, 4 years probation and community service, to which plaintiff agreed in order to avoid a period of incarceration.
- 20. That because of the false accusations of drug dealing, plaintiff's Crown Victoria, for which plaintiff had paid the sum of approximately \$1,800.00, was forfeited; he had to pay \$350.00 for home monitoring; paid \$225.00 towards a fine; and was unable to work or continue his education at Philadelphia Community College.
- 21. That after the 6 months of house arrest, plaintiff did not return to college, believing that with a felony conviction he would be unable to obtain a job in the health care field, particularly nursing.
- 22. Also, because of the felony conviction, plaintiff had difficulty obtaining a job even though he was a high school graduate with some college credits.
- 23. For the past 7 years, plaintiff has only been able to obtain low paying jobs because of his felony criminal record.
- 24. That plaintiff did not commit the crimes for which he was arrested, charged and convicted, and of which defendants knew he was innocent, but perjured themselves in order to get extra money and arrests.

- 25. Defendant, Lieutenant Otto, as the supervisor of the defendant Police Officers, knew or had reason to know that defendants Walker and Spicer did not find drugs or delivery of drugs on plaintiff, were lodging false charges against plaintiff, and were committing perjury in order to convict an innocent person.
- 26. Prior to his arrest, plaintiff had no criminal records, juvenile or adult, and since the arrest, subject of this civil rights suit, plaintiff has not been convicted of any crimes, with the May 16, 2008 sentencing in this case being plaintiff's only conviction.
- 27. Plaintiff entered into a negotiated guilty plea in this case, not because plaintiff was guilty of the charges, but in order to avoid a prison sentence.
- 28. Plaintiff was innocent of the charges of which he pled guilty in CP-51-CR-0013828-2007, but wanted to avoid a prison sentence that could have been imposed by the Court following a trial at which defendants Walker, Spicer and Otto would have presented false and perjured testimony accusing plaintiff of crimes plaintiff did not commit.
- 29. Plaintiff knew the defendant Officers would present false testimony since false perjured testimony was presented at the preliminary hearing.
- 30. As a result of defendant Walker's criminal conviction in the Federal Court on numerous counts of civil rights violations, false arrests, incarcerations, perjury and fraudulent incarcerations, and defendant Spicer, being likewise charged by the United States Attorney's Office for similar civil rights violations, perjury, etc., albeit the jury found insufficient evidence for a criminal conviction, plaintiff filed a petition to nolle pros the criminal charges at CP-51-CR-0013828-2007, which, on

November 20, 2015, was granted by the Honorable Sheila Woods-Skipper of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County.

- 31. This illegal arrest and prosecution is still on the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania Court Summary and Docket.
- 32. Plaintiff was falsely accused of the drug charges since he neither possessed, attempted to sell drugs, or sold drugs, as defendant Officers alleged.
- 33. None of the accusations against plaintiff were true but were made for the sole purpose of making a false arrest, false imprisonment and fraudulent prosecution in order to make overtime pay appearing in court and reaping a financial gain for the illegal and false arrest and prosecution.
- 34. For more than 20 years, Philadelphia Police Officers assigned to various narcotics units have engaged in a pattern and practice of securing search warrants based on fraud and misrepresentations, falsifying or misusing what are known as confidential informants, who either do not exist or lie for the police, falsifying search warrants and their execution, falsifying evidence, the destruction and theft of personal property and related misconduct.
- 35. The City of Philadelphia has failed to take appropriate remedial measures to prevent misconduct of this nature.
- 36. Defendant Police Officers gave false and fraudulent information in an Affidavit of Probable Cause and/or a warrant, if one was obtained.
- 37. The Philadelphia District Attorney's Office no longer calls defendant Walker and some and/or all of the defendant Officers as witnesses in narcotics cases; no longer approves narcotic cases

for charging in which some and/or all of the defendant Officers were a necessary witness; and no longer approves any search or arrest warrants in narcotics cases when imprisoned Officer Walker and/or all or some of the defendant Officers were the affiant.

- 38. Defendant Walker has pleaded guilty to corruption, perjury and other related charges and constitutional violations and is presently incarcerated at the Philadelphia Federal Detention Center.
- 39. More specifically, the District Attorney of Philadelphia now refuses to prosecute or charge cases or approve any search or arrest warrant in which defendant Jeffrey Walker and/or all of the other defendant Officers were involved.
- 40. This decision rested on knowledge that some and/or all of the defendant Officers in this matter had engaged in conduct raising questions about their integrity and law-abidingness while on duty.
- 41. At the time of this incident, and for some years before, law enforcement at the highest levels knew of integrity, corruption, and civil rights violation issues involving some and/or all of the defendant Officers. Federal agents and Federal prosecutors knew. The current Philadelphia Police Commissioner, his predecessors, and some of his subordinates, knew. Former District Attorney Lynn Abraham and some of her subordinates, as well as her successor in office, knew. The basis of this knowledge was information from multiple sources, including, but not limited, to Federal investigations, questions raised by State and Federal prosecutors and other sources.
- 42. As a direct and proximate result of the defendants' actions, plaintiff was deprived of rights, privileges and immunities under the Fourth, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United

States Constitution; the right to be free from excessive force; the right to be free from malicious prosecution; and the right to due process of law. Plaintiff was deprived of the right not to be a victim of conspiracies by State actors to violate the aforementioned clearly established rights.

- 43. The actions or inactions of defendants violated clearly established rights.
- 44. All actions taken by defendants in this matter were taken under color of State law.
- 45. As a direct and proximate result of the action or inaction of defendants, plaintiff suffered physical pain, loss of liberty, anxiety, fear, mental harm, loss of parental rights and financial loss.
- 46. As a direct and proximate result of the actions and/or inactions of the defendants, plaintiff was and is deprived of rights, privileges and immunities under the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, as well as parallel provisions of the Pennsylvania Constitution, and in particular, the right to be free from excessive force, the right to be free from unlawful arrest, the right to be free from unjustified searches, the right to be free from malicious prosecution, and the right to due process of law. Plaintiff was similarly deprived of the right not to be a victim of conspiracies of State actors to violate the aforementioned clearly established rights.
- 47. The actions and/or inactions of the defendants violated the clearly established Federal and State constitutional rights of the plaintiff to be free from excessive force, the right to be free from unlawful arrest, the right to be free from unjustified searches, the right to be free from malicious prosecution, and the right to due process of law.

#### **COUNT I**

#### 42 U.S.C. §1983 against Defendant Officers

### **Unlawful Arrest**

- 48. Paragraphs 1 through 47 are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.
- 49. Plaintiff was damaged and injured as set forth above under 42 U.S.C. §1983 by defendant Officers in that they, as described in detail in preceding paragraphs, violated plaintiff's constitutional rights while acting under color of law. More specifically, defendant Officers acted with the intent to arrest plaintiff unlawfully, without probable cause, and against plaintiff's will, and such actions were the actual and proximate cause of plaintiff's confinement.
- 50. As a result of the above actions, plaintiff demands judgment against defendant Officers in the amount of all damages, including compensatory damages and punitive damages, plus interest, injunctive relief, such other relief as appears reasonable and just, as well as reasonable attorney fees and costs under 42 U.S.C. §1988.

#### **COUNT II**

#### Supplemental State Law Claim Against Defendant Officers

#### False Imprisonment

- 51. Paragraphs 1 through 50 are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.
- 52. Plaintiff was damaged and injured as set forth above by defendant Officers and defendant Lieutenant in that they acted with the intent to confine plaintiff unlawfully and against plaintiff's

will, confining him to six months' home confinement; four years probation; deprived him of his college education; subjected him to convictions for crimes which he did not commit; filed false trumped up charges against him; stole his automobile; and subjected him to fines and costs.

53. As a result of the above actions, plaintiff demands judgment against defendant Officers in the amount of all damages, including compensatory damages and punitive damages, plus interest, injunctive relief, such other relief as appears reasonable and just, as well as reasonable attorney fees and costs under 42 U.S.C. §1988.

#### **COUNT III**

# 42 U.S.C. §1983 against Defendant Officers

## **Unjustified Search**

- 54. Paragraphs 1 through 53 are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.
- 55. Plaintiff was damaged and injured as set forth above under 42 U.S.C. §1983 by defendant Officers in that they, as described in detail in preceding paragraphs, violated plaintiff constitutional rights while acting under color of law. More specifically, defendant Officers entered and searched the premises in which plaintiff was present, without probable cause or with a warrant containing false statements, and such actions were the direct and proximate cause of plaintiff's harm.
- 56. As a result of the above actions, plaintiff demands judgment against defendant Officers in the amount of all damages, including compensatory damages and punitive damages, plus interest, injunctive relief, such other relief as appears reasonable and just, as well as reasonable attorney fees and costs under 42 U.S.C. §1988.

# **COUNT IV**

#### 42 U.S.C. §1983 against Defendant Officers

#### Malicious Prosecution

- 57. Paragraphs 1 through 43 are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.
- 58. Plaintiff was damaged and injured as set forth above under 42 U.S.C. §1983 by defendant Officers in that they, as described in detail in preceding paragraphs, violated plaintiff's constitutional rights while acting under color of law. More specifically, defendant Officers seized and arrested plaintiff, and instituted criminal proceedings against him without probable cause and with malice. These proceedings terminated in favor of plaintiff. Defendants' conduct was the direct and proximate cause of plaintiff's harm.
- 59. As a result of the above actions, plaintiff demands judgment against defendant Officers in the amount of all damages, including compensatory damages and punitive damages, plus interest, injunctive relief, such other relief as appears reasonable and just, as well as reasonable attorney fees and costs under 42 U.S.C. §1988.

#### COUNT V

#### Supplemental State Law Claim Against Defendant Officers

## Malicious Prosecution

60. Paragraphs 1 through 59 are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.

- 61. Plaintiff was damaged and injured as set forth above by defendant Officers in that they instituted criminal proceedings against plaintiff without probable cause and with malice and where such proceedings were terminated in favor of plaintiff.
- 62. As a result of the above actions, plaintiff demands judgment against defendant Officers in the amount of all damages, including compensatory damages and punitive damages, plus interest, injunctive relief, such other relief as appears reasonable and just, as well as reasonable attorney fees and costs under 42 U.S.C. §1988.

#### **COUNT VI**

# 42 U.S.C. §1983 against Defendant Officers

## **Conspiracy**

- 63. Paragraphs 1 through 62 are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.
- 64. Plaintiff was damaged and injured as set forth above under 42 U.S.C. §1983 by defendant Officers in that they, as described in detail in preceding paragraphs, violated plaintiff's constitutional rights while acting under color of law. More specifically, defendant Officers, acting in concert and conspiracy, committed acts in violation of plaintiff's constitutional rights and against the laws of Pennsylvania. The defendant Officers acted in conspiracy to violate plaintiff's constitutional rights as stated in the above paragraphs, and made statements among themselves and others in order to conceal their unlawful and unconstitutional conduct. Such actions were the direct and proximate cause of plaintiff's harm.

65. As a result of the above actions, plaintiff demands judgment against defendant Officers in the amount of all damages, including compensatory damages and punitive damages, plus interest, injunctive relief, such other relief as appears reasonable and just, as well as reasonable attorney fees and costs under 42 U.S.C. §1988.

#### COUNT VII

# Supplemental State Law Claim Against Defendant Officers

#### **Conspiracy**

- 66. Paragraphs 1 through 65 are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.
- 67. Defendant Officers, acting in concert and conspiracy, committed acts in violation of plaintiff's constitutional rights and against the laws of Pennsylvania. The defendant Officers made statements among themselves and others in order to conceal their unlawful and unconstitutional conduct.
- 68. As a result of the above actions, plaintiff demands judgment against defendant Officers in the amount of all damages, including compensatory damages and punitive damages, plus interest, injunctive relief, such other relief as appears reasonable and just, as well as reasonable attorney fees and costs under 42 U.S.C. §1988.

#### **COUNT VIII**

# Supplemental Claim of Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress against All Defendant Officers

69. Paragraphs 1 through 68 are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.

- 70. Plaintiff was damaged and injured as set forth above by defendant Officers in that they intentionally and/or recklessly caused plaintiff severe emotional distress by their extreme and outrageous conduct.
- 71. As a result of the above actions, plaintiff demands judgment against defendant Officers in the amount of all damages, including compensatory damages and punitive damages, plus interest, injunctive relief, such other relief as appears reasonable and just, as well as reasonable attorney fees and costs under 42 U.S.C. §1988.

# COUNT IX

# Supplemental Claim of Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress against All Defendant Officers

- 72. Paragraphs 1 through 71 are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.
- 73. Plaintiff was damaged and injured as set forth above by defendant Officers in that they negligently caused plaintiff severe emotional distress by their extreme and outrageous conduct and where plaintiff's emotional distress resulted in the manifestation of physical symptoms.
- 74. As a result of the above actions, plaintiff demands judgment against defendant Officers in the amount of all damages, including compensatory damages and punitive damages, plus interest, injunctive relief, such other relief as appears reasonable and just, as well as reasonable attorney fees and costs under 42 U.S.C. §1988.

# COUNT X

# 42 U.S.C. §1983 against Defendant City of Philadelphia

- 75. Paragraphs 1 through 74 are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.
- 76. Plaintiff was damaged and injured as set forth above under 42 U.S.C. §1983 by defendant Officers in that they, as described in detail in preceding paragraphs, violated plaintiff's constitutional rights while acting under color of law. The City of Philadelphia developed and maintained policies and/or customs exhibiting deliberate indifference to the constitutional rights of persons in the City of Philadelphia, which caused the violation of plaintiff's rights.
- 77. It was the policy and/or custom of the City of Philadelphia to cover-up and avoid detection of improper and illegal police activity, including excessive force, unlawful detention, failure to intervene against other Officers' illegal conduct, false imprisonment, assault and battery, and infliction of emotional distress.
- 78. It was the policy and/or custom of the City of Philadelphia to fail to sufficiently supervise against, train and/or retrain against, and discipline against illegal police activity, including, but not limited, to excessive force, unlawful detention, failure to intervene against other Officers' illegal conduct, false imprisonment and infliction of emotional distress.
- 79. There has been a longstanding history, which has been extensively documented since the 1980s of Philadelphia Police Officers engaging in rampant illegal conduct in narcotics investigations.

  A non-exhaustive list of such conduct includes:

- In the early 1980s, in the "One Squad Scandal," a group of Philadelphia narcotics
   Officers were convicted of selling drugs that they had stolen from dealers.
- b. During the decade between 1980-1989, a Lieutenant and three Officers from another drug unit, the "Five Squad," engaged in conduct including the theft of drugs and over \$280,000.00 that resulted in Federal convictions for, inter alia, racketeering.
- c. In or around February 1995, Philadelphia Police Officer John Baird and five other members of the 39<sup>th</sup> Police District were federally prosecuted and ultimately sentenced for violating the rights of, and stealing money from, over 40 Philadelphians. These Officers planted drugs on innocent individuals, conducted unreported raids, and stole from suspects.
- In 1997, federal drug convictions were overturned as a result of a 1998 Internal
   Affairs finding that narcotics Officer John Boucher was a potentially corrupt
   Police Officer.
- e. In the last five years, numerous narcotics officers, including, as described supra, some and/or all of the Defendant Officers in this matter, have engaged in conduct causing them to have been removed from the narcotics assignments. In the last five years, as a result of a series of articles by Philadelphia Daily News reports known as "Tainted Justice," Philadelphia Police Officers Jeffrey Cujdik, Richard Cujdik, Robert McDonnell, Thomas Tolstoy, Joseph Bologna and Thomas

Deabler, have all been assigned to either desk duty or non-narcotics related assignments. Those officers engaged in raids of small convenience shops in Philadelphia in which they disabled surveillance systems to hide their conduct, which included theft of cash and groceries. Jeffrey Cujdik routinely alleged criminal behavior in search warrants involving a confidential informant who subsequently denied having provided information or services on many of the cases in which Cujdik affirmed he had.

- 80. It was the policy and/or custom of the City of Philadelphia to inadequately supervise and train its Police Officers, including the defendant Officers, against a code of silence or "blue code" of Officers, refusing to intervene against or provide truthful information against constitutional violations and other unlawful misconduct committed by their fellow Officers.
- 81. As a result of the above described polices and customs and/or the lack thereof, Police Officers of the City of Philadelphia, including the defendant Officers, believed that their actions would not be properly monitored by supervisory Officers and that misconduct would not be investigated or sanctioned, but would be tolerated.
- 82. As a supervisory Officer, Lieutenant Robert Otto was responsible for the direct supervisory and monitoring policy and custom in the Narcotics Squad of which defendants, Walker and Spicer, were members, and as a supervising Officer in the City of Philadelphia Police Department, he was responsible for the unconstitutional and civil rights violations committed by him and the defendant Officers, Walker and Spicer.

83. As a result of the above actions, plaintiff demands judgment against defendant City in the amount of all damages, including compensatory damages and punitive damages, plus interest, injunctive relief, such other relief as appears reasonable and just, as well as reasonable attorney fees and costs under 42 U.S.C. §1988.

#### COUNT XI

# Supplemental Claim of Negligent Hiring, Retention and Supervision against defendant, City of Philadelphia

- 84. Paragraphs 1 through 83 are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.
- 85. Defendant City of Philadelphia failed to exercise reasonable care in the hiring, retention and supervision of the defendant Police Officers with such failure being the direct and proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries.
- 86. As a result of the above actions, plaintiff demands judgment against defendant City in the amount of all damages, including compensatory damages and punitive damages, plus interest, injunctive relief, such other relief as appears reasonable and just, as well as reasonable attorney fees and costs under 42 U.S.C. §1988.

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